



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

~~Rudolf Heinz et al~~

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Examiner: Peter Medley

~~For: Piezoelectric Actuator~~

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AMENDMENT RESPONSIVE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF AUGUST 13, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 13, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Please cancel claims 15-48.

Please add new claims 49-72 as follows:

49. A piezoelectric actuator for actuating control valves or injection valves of internal combustion engines in motor vehicles, comprising a circular, cylindrical piezoelectric actuator body (1) in the form of a multilayered laminate made up of stacked layers of piezoelectric material with intervening metallic or electrically conductive, alternating first and second electrode layers (10, 11) that function as electrodes, wherein these first and second electrode layers (10, 11) alternately contact first and second electrically conductive common electrode connections (12, 13), said first and second electrode

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